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SUBJECT: AUTUMN FORGE

FOR SONNENFELDT AND HARTMAN FROM LOWENSTEIN

1. WE HAVE JUST SEEN GENERAL HAIG'S PERSONAL MESSAGE REGARDING AUTUMN FORGE FOR SECSTATE, SECDEF, AMBASSADOR BRUCE ET AL WHICH HAS BEEN REPEATED TO YOU AS TOSEC 080180. WE HAVE ALSO REPEATED TO YOU STATE 179558 INSTRUCTING USNATO FOR THE JULY 31 DPC MEETING ON AUTUMN FORGE. GENERAL HAIG EVIDENTLY HAD NOT RECEIVED OUR MESSAGE BEFORE HE SENT HIS. YOU WILL NOTE THAT OUR GUIDANCE TO AMBASSADOR BRUCE, WHICH WAS FULLY CLEARED IN DOD, TAKES A DIFFERENT POSITION FROM GENERAL HAIG'S MESSAGE ON THE APPLICABILITY OF CBMS TO AUTUMN FORGE.

2. OUR REASONS FOR BELIEVING THAT THE USG SHOULD PROCEED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT CBMS APPLY TO AUTUMN FORGE ARE CONTAINED IN STATE 179558. IN ADDITION, YOU SHOULD
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BE AWARE THAT, WHILE GENERAL HAIG'S MESSAGE INDICATES

THAT AUTUMN FORGE WILL EMBRACE A NUMBER OF EXERCISES
WHICH ARE NOT "CENTRALLY RELATED OR CENTRALLY CONTROLLED"

SHAPE'S PROPOSED PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR AUTUMN FORGE
DESCRIBES IT AS A "COORDINATED SERIES OF NATO AND
NATIONAL FIELD TRAINING AND COMMAND POST EXERCISES".
FURTHERMORE, THE SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF AUTUMN FORGE
FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALLIES IN COORDINATING THIS PRESS
GUIDANCE DESCRIBES AUTUMN FORGE AS "THE NAME WHICH
IDENTIFIES THE CONSOLIDATION OF A SERIES OF NATO,
MULTI-NATIONAL, AND CERTAIN NATIONAL EXERCISES.....
CONCEPTUALLY INTEGRATED INTO A COMMON PREHOSTILITIES
SCENARIO WHICH IS DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE ACE SOLI-
DARITY AND FLEXIBILITY".

3. WE THOUGHT THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO HAVE THIS
INFORMATION ON THE SEQUENCE OF THESE MESSAGES AND
SOME ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND IN THE EVENT THE SUBJECT
COMES UP OR IN CASE THE SECRETARY INQUIRES. IN
ANY EVENT, WE WILL KNOW MORE AFTER THE DPC DISCUSSION
OF AUTUMN FORGE JULY 31.

4. WE WILL BE SENDING YOU OUR ANALYSIS OF THE DEEP
EXPRESS PROBLEM, ALSO HIGHLIGHTED BY GENERAL HAIG. INGERSOLL

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